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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN FOR
REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP

1. LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WYZNER ANNOUNCED DURING
OPENING SESSION THAT HIS CONSULTATIONS HAD REVEALED BROAD
SUPPORT FOR FORMATION OF AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO
ADDRESS THE AGENDA ITEM ON REMOTE SENSING. US DEL HAD
INFORMED WYZNER THAT WE HAD NO STRONG OBJECTION TO FORMA-
TION OF A WORKING GROUP UNLESS THERE WAS A PRESUMPTION
THAT GROUP WOULD BEGIN DRAFTING LEGAL PRINCIPLES. WYZNER
WAS CAREFUL NOT TO REFLECT ANY SUCH PRESUMPTION IN HIS
ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. IN A SURPRISING MOVE, THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE,
PROF. COCCA, IS MAKING A STRONG BID TO BECOME CHAIRMAN
OF THIS WORKING GROUP WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED. WE
CONSIDER THIS PATENTLY UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE ARGENTINA
IS THE COSPONSOR OF ONE OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL TEXTS ON
THIS SUBJECT, A TEXT WHICH STRONGLY OPPOSES THE US
POSITION, AND UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE COCCA, THOUGH BRIGHT
AND RESOURCEFUL, IS DIFFICULT AND WOULD BE OF DOUBTFUL
EFFECTIVENESS AT MANAGING A COMPLEX DEBATE. UNLESS
THE DEPARTMENT RAISES OBJECTIONS, WE INTEND TO SUPPORT
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THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR CAPOTORTI FROM ITALY

OR ABDEL GHANI OF EGYPT, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CAPABLE AND
RESPECTED. IF IT PROVES NECESSARY, WE WOULD INTEND TO
SUGGEST BOTH PUBLICLY AND IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
THAT THE SPONSOR OF A PRINCIPAL DRAFT SHOULD NOT CHAIR
THE WORKING GROUP.
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